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REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1-31 have been cancelled. Claims 32-59 have been added. Claims 32-59 are presently pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-15, 20, 21 and 24-31 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Dooley (US 3,893,440).

Applicants have cancelled those claims, rendering the rejection moot in respect of those claims.

Claims 1-10, 14,15, 18, 19, 21 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tuckey (US 2,782,354). Applicants have cancelled those claims, rendering the rejection moot in respect of those claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuckey (US 3,782,354) in view of Peters (US 2,742,380)

Claims 22 and 23 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot in respect of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten claim 16 as claim 32 as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims accordingly.

Applicants have rewritten claim 17 as claim 46 as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims accordingly.

Claims 17-45 are either directly or indirectly dependent from claim 16 and thereby include all the limitations of its independent base claim.

Claims 46-59 are either directly or indirectly dependent from claim 46 and thereby include all the limitations of its independent base claim.

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In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the currently pending claims are allowable, and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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